

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently amended) A method for handling a nuclear reactor pressure vessel, comprising providing a protective measure for a used fuel pool in a nuclear reactor well, said protective measure having a penetrating path therein and having a guide with a variable arm length for guiding the nuclear reactor pressure vessel through the penetrating path, and wherein said protective measure extends toward a nuclear reactor building roof above an operation floor which forms an upper face with respect to a sidewall of the used fuel pool and carrying out or in said nuclear reactor pressure vessel through said penetrating path and an opening portion provided at ~~a~~ the nuclear reactor building roof.

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2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously amended) A method of claim 1, wherein said protective measure is provided with a cushioning member inside thereof for minimizing effects of an impact of said nuclear reactor pressure vessel.

4.-12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said carrying out or in said nuclear reactor pressure vessel is accomplished by a crane.

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